## **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Cindy S. Kaplan on May 21, 2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

- In the Specification, p.17, lines 10-11, remove the sentence "A carrier wave that carries the code across a network is another example of a computer-readable medium."
- 2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

With regard to claims 4,22,34,52,65,67,69, the prior art of record fails to anticipate or make obvious a method for operating a first path computation element in a first autonomous system to participate in establishing an inter-autonomous system MPLS Traffic Engineering LSP between a head-end node and a tail-end node, comprising: "receiving virtual shortest path tree information from a second path computation element in a second autonomous system, said virtual shortest path tree